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Dear Mr. Amarel:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated September 8, 2019, and received at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Headquarters FOIA Office on September 9, 2019. Your request was assigned FOIA Case Number 19-HQ-F-00756 and was for:

I would like to obtain all emails sent to, from, or copied to James Frederick Bridenstine from January 1, 2019 to Present day, containing any of the following non-case-sensitive key-strings: 'Artemis'

FOIA provides that "each agency, upon any request for records which (i) reasonably describes such records and (ii) is made in accordance with published rules stating the time, place, fees (if any), and procedures to be followed, shall make the records promptly available to any person. Records are reasonably described if the description "enable[s] a professional employee of the agency who was familiar with the subject area of the request to locate the record with a reasonable amount of effort." Courts have held that agencies are not required to conduct wide-ranging, unreasonably burdensome searches for records; therefore, "broad, sweeping requests lacking specificity are not permissible." See also *Exxon Mobil Corp. v. U.S. Dep't of Interior*, No. 09-6732, 2010 WL 2653353, at *8 (E.D. La June 29, 2010) (finding requests for "any and all documents, "any documents," or "all documents" impermissibly broad").

Based on my review of the description of the records you are seeking, I find that your request does not adequately describe the records you are seeking. Please provide enough details about the records you seek so that the records can be located with a reasonable

amount of effort. This includes information on the emails with particular office or a particular individuals, subject areas, or other relevant details. Additionally, in accordance with 14 CFR §1206.302, a request must explicitly state a willingness to pay all fees associated with processing the request, fees up to a specified amount, or a request for a fee waiver, if processing fees will likely exceed the statutory entitlements as defined in §1206.507(b) and (c).

You may wish to review the below referenced website to identify a particular area of interest related to this program so that the unit can conduct a more targeted search for emails the Administrator may have sent/received/copied related to Artemis.

[https://nasasearch.nasa.gov/search?query=artemis&affiliate=nasa&utf8=%E2%9C%93.](https://nasasearch.nasa.gov/search?query=artemis&affiliate=nasa&utf8=%E2%9C%93)

In accordance with 14 CFR §1206.301 and 14 CFR §1206.302, if we do not hear from you within 20 working days from the date of this letter, we will consider that you are no longer interested in this request and we will close our file. You may submit a new request for the same information, however, you must provide the requested information as indicated above and either identify your interest in your statutory search and duplication entitlement as an all other requester, or agree to pay fees pursuant to our regulations. Please review our FOIA regulation, which can be found at:

[https://www.nasa.gov/FOIA/guidance.html.](https://www.nasa.gov/FOIA/guidance.html)

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me at hq-foia@nasa.gov or 202-358-2462.

Sincerely,



Josephine Sibley
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FOIA Public Liaison Officer